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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below adjacent to my name.

I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Compensation of Batch Variation in the Travel Due to Variations In The Layer Thickness or Number of Layers in Multi-Layer Piezoelectric Elements**, the specification of which:

is attached hereto;

was filed as United States Application Serial No. _____ on _____, _____ and was amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed on _____, _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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**PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S)
AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119**

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Priority Claimed

Under 35 U.S.C. § 119 : Yes No

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